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SUBJ: GOC SECURITY MEASURES

1. ALTHOUGH GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS OCTOBER 4 HAS REACTED STRONGLY AGAINST PASSAGE OF S.2230, GOC IS HEWING CAREFULLY TO ITS ASSURANCE OF MAXIMUM PROTECTION FOR EMBASSY AND USIS AMERICAN CENTER. POLICE WITH RIOT CONTROL EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN PLACED AROUND BUILDINGS AND SENIOR OFFICERS ARE ON HAND OR CHECKING REGULARLY. STRAGGLERS FROM ANTI-FRANCO RALLY LATE OCTOBER 3 ATTEMPTED TO MARCH BY THE AMERICAN CENTER BUT WERE EFFECTIVELY DEFLECTED BY POLICE. OLDER STUDENTS AT HIGHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTE CLOSE BY EMBASSY, WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY PROVIDED MANPOWER FOR ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS, WERE GIVEN

LEAVE FROM SCHOOL OCTOBER 3 TO FORESTALL RUMORED ORGANIZATION FOR DEMONSTRATION AND HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH NOTICE OF SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL IF THEY DEMONSTRATE. FINALLY, MINISTER OF INTERIOR HAS PROVIDED WRITTEN ASSURANCE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT SECURITY FORCES WILL USE ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS TO PROTECT AMERICAN BUILDING AND PERSONNEL. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT SUCH INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN FACT BEING
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TRANSMITTED IN SERIOUS FASHION TO WORKING LEVEL.

2. OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT ORGANIZED ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS
ARE UNLIKELY OCTOBER 4 OR 5. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE
WEEK BEGINNING OCTOBER 6 COULD SEE SOME FORM OF DEMONSTRATIONS.
HOWEVER, WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S PLEDGE TO MAKE NEW
MAJOR EFFORT ON CYPRUS PROBLEM, WE BELIEVE GOC WILL TRY TO KEEP
LID ON TIGHTLY AND PROVIDE GENUINE SECURITY TO US MISSION FOR
TIME BEING.
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